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WILLIAM FRAGOSA: Good evening. I just want to say good evening to all of you. I want to call you my relatives because that reminds me that we are all connected, that we are all in the same circle of life. And I want to speak tonight not only for myself but for those generations that aren't able to speak yet because they're still in our future.

And as we go about listening to all these technical details and all, it reminds me of when I was going to the university. And it really struck me because I had a few life experiences already. I had gone to Vietnam. I'd experienced the aftermath of that coming back to this country and feeling isolated.

So all that leads up to what's going on here. Because I remember as I walked around the university there are people jumping out of windows because they didn't get an A. It occurred to me that I wanted to get an education but at the same time I wanted to keep my own common sense that I learned out on the streets, out in places where you only learn those types of things.

1 And so without looking at all the manuals, all the words that had been written here, my sense tells me that this is wrong, that we can deal with this much better. I feel it is a crime that we've taken away \$7 billion and counting away from all the life that we have right now. We have many issues that could be addressed with that money.

We have children that are starving every day in this country, if you can believe that, let alone the rest of the world. We have health issues that we could address. You know, \$7 billion goes a long ways towards building, instead of a hole in the ground, you know, hospitals, schools, you know, having a big base of -- having a greater base of teachers so that we can educate the youngsters so that when they come to something like this, they'll understand what's being said.

2 And I just wanted to make a comment also that when we have so many volumes of technical information, somebody comes home from work, they sit down, it's not possible to really open something like that up and start reading. If we were to be able to have a synopsis of some kind that could be in a more plain language where the common folk could understand what's being said, maybe it's too scary to really let people understand what's going on.

3 But these are my comments tonight. My only other comment is that I would like to see all nuclear waste
4 stopped. I'd like to see what we do have right now kept on site, and we can figure that out. You know,
5 instead of spending another seven billion on a repository, you know, let's spend it in a way that's going to really achieve something for the generations that are coming up.

Because as I'm standing here speaking, you know, it's not just myself speaking. If you can imagine behind me all the people that I've spoken to, my own family, people that I care and love, people that I met, circles that I've been in and on different gatherings I've been to, I actually have behind me thousands and thousands of people and they're all speaking with me right now.

So as I end my few minutes right here, you know, since it's for the record I just want to say stop. And, you know, let us go on with something that we can really be proud of.

6 I also want to comment that as I walked into the building tonight here at the community center it had such a different feeling than when I walked into the casino a couple of nights ago where you had to walk in through all the slot machines and all the people gambling away right across from us. We had a bingo game going. There were more people in the bingo parlor than we had in the meeting, and that was including all the DOE people and all the assorted folks that are helping to put this on. So if you look right there at the kids, you know, that's what this is all about.

Thank you. My name is William Fragosa, F-r-a-g-o-s-a. Thank you.